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**MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDERS, DEFENSE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT  
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**SUBJECT: DCMC Memorandum No. 97-62, Revision of Business Plan Task 1.2.1.4 and  
Related Metric (POLICY)**

This is a POLICY Memorandum. It expires when changes are put in the Fiscal Year 1997 (FY97) DCMC Business Plan and Metrics Guidebook. Target Audience: All DCMC employees involved in Software Surveillance.

Task 1.2.1.4 in the DCMC FY97 Business Plan currently reads "Improve the effectiveness of weapon system software developments by engaging in activities to ensure that at least 65% of DCMC findings/recommendations are made prior to coding and unit test and at least 30% of these are adopted." Many of you have voiced concern over the fact that the task and related metric were not focused enough and that it failed to properly account for the status of many CAOs' software contracts that are already in or beyond code and unit test phase. We have heard you, and after six months of data accumulation for the first time with the help of Software Professional Estimating and Collection System (SPECS), we agree.

Therefore, Task 1.2.1.4 in the DCMC FY97 Business Plan is being changed to: "Improve the effectiveness of weapon system software developments by engaging in activities to ensure (a) that at least 60% of DCMC major findings/recommendations made are accepted, (b) a percentage of findings/recommendations adopted before coding and unit tests is computed upon completion of each software contract." It will now allow us to: (a) properly take into account approximately 60% of the software contracts, DCMC-wide, that are currently in or beyond code and unit test phase, (b) normalize the metric values of CAOs where a majority of their software contracts are beyond code and unit test phase, (c) focus on the measurement of major findings/recommendations that are accepted by the customer, and (d) measure DCMC's effectiveness in generating findings/recommendations early in the software life cycle.

This change has no impact on our current data collection through SPECS.

We appreciate your input and assistance in revising the matter as described above. The first reporting of the revised metric will begin with the August Monthly Management Review. Trending and rating this task (green, yellow, or red) will start immediately following the guidance provided in DCMC Memorandum No. 96-54, Procedures for Command Level Monthly Management Reviews (MMRs) (POLICY), dated September 30, 1996.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Drewes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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